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Department of Ecology:
Dear Ms Grauel,

I support the inclusion of new Low Impact Development (LID) requirements and expanded requirements to monitor discharges, and elimination of the 1 acre exemption for Phase II small municipality jurisdictions in the Draft Municipal Stormwater Permits. These are essential elements of a successful program.

However, to address the pollution adequately **the following changes need to be made:**

1. **Eliminate** the very broad " feasibility" and " competing needs" exemptions. These **loopholes** and others will allow jurisdictions and developers to evade low impact development requirements.
2. Include specific requirements for developers to **avoid destruction of native plants and reduce total paved surfaces** on building sites. These core foundations of good LID approaches are necessary for the LID techniques to succeed.
3. Strengthen the requirements for "watershed/basin " planning to protect forested areas and green spaces.

Thank you.

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